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H.B. No. 2703

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the establishment of a maternal mortality and morbidity
3 data registry.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 34, Health and Safety Code, is amended by
6 adding Section 34.019 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 34.019. DATA REGISTRY. (a) In this section,
8 "registry" means the data registry established under this section.

9 (b) The task force, in collaboration with the commission and
10 participating health care providers, shall establish a data
11 registry on the task force's Internet website that contains data of
12 participating health care providers on the frequency and
13 characteristics of maternal mortality and morbidity during and
14 following delivery.

15 (c) A health care provider, including a public or private
16 hospital, medical school, or clinic, may participate in the
17 registry by:

18 (1) collecting data at the time a pregnant woman is
19 admitted for delivery, on the day of delivery, 42 days postpartum,
20 and 364 days postpartum;

21 (2) providing collected data to the registry on a
22 daily basis; and

23 (3) complying with all applicable federal and state
24 laws relating to confidentiality and quality of health care

1 information for data provided to the registry.

2 (d) Data collected by a participating health care provider
3 must include:

4 (1) discharge data cross-referenced with birth and
5 death certificates provided by the department;

6 (2) clinical data on the health status of patients and
7 the health care provided to those patients by a provider over time,
8 including:

9 (A) data on the most common high-risk conditions,
10 such as hemorrhaging and pregnancy-induced hypertension; and

11 (B) notifiable deaths, including stillbirths,
12 infants born alive who die within 12 months of birth, and women who
13 die during pregnancy or were pregnant in the 12 months preceding
14 death;

15 (3) demographic data from a provider's admission
16 information;

17 (4) data quality indicators to ensure the data is not
18 missing or inconsistent; and

19 (5) provider statistics, including:

20 (A) total live births;

21 (B) maternal age distributions;

22 (C) maternal and infant race and ethnicity
23 distributions;

24 (D) health benefit plan issuer distributions;

25 (E) incidence of diabetes, hypertension, and
26 hemorrhage among patients;

27 (F) gestational age distributions;

- 1 (G) birth weight distributions;
- 2 (H) total preterm birth rate;
- 3 (I) rate of vaginal deliveries; and
- 4 (J) rate of cesarean sections.

5 (e) The task force shall ensure the registry's data is
6 updated at the time a participating provider enters data into the
7 registry.

8 (f) The task force shall annually analyze the data collected
9 for the registry and prepare and submit a report on the analysis to
10 the department and all participating health care providers. The
11 task force shall publish the report on the task force's Internet
12 website.

13 (g) The task force shall fund the registry using existing
14 resources and grants and donations provided for the registry.

15 (h) The executive commissioner shall adopt rules necessary
16 to implement this section.

17 SECTION 2. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and
18 Human Services Commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
19 Section 34.019, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, not
20 later than December 1, 2019.

21 (b) The Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force shall
22 establish the data registry under Section 34.019, Health and Safety
23 Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2019.

24 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.